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PROJECT: Washington Park

SIZE: 502 Acres

STATUS: The urban renewal plan has been approved, the loan and grant contract executed, and project execution is well underway.

FEDERAL GRANT: $16,552,557.00

A. State Share: $ 6,153,898.00

B. City Share: $ 3,520,877.00

PRIVATE INVESTMENT: $25,000,000.00
(estimated)

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RE-USE PLAN:

1. The rehabilitation of some 6,500 dwelling units.
2. Over 1,500 units of new low and moderate-income housing.
3. Three new elementary schools.
4. New recreational facilities.
5. New Y.M.C.A.
6. New Civic Center combining municipal field offices, new police station, new courthouse, new branch library, and the new Roxbury Boys' Club.
7. New Community and neighborhood shopping areas.
8. Traffic Improvements.
9. New Churches.

SUMMARY

The Washington Park neighborhood represents a large portion of the Roxbury-North Dorchester area. It has declined badly over the years, and if left alone, would slip still further. The Washington Park project is a major effort to preserve and improve the neighborhood through active cooperation between the Boston Redevelopment Authority and residents of the area.

Washington Park is, in many ways, a showplace project. It is a demonstration that renewal can be accomplished by the people in an area planning for themselves what their neighborhood will be and then being actively involved in carrying out their plan. It is a demonstration of the use of federally-insured mortgage loans for the creation of attractive, economical new housing for moderate-income families.

It provides the opportunity to show that relocation can be considerate of human values, through its understanding of human values, through its understanding of human needs, and effective in marshalling adequate housing resources for those who must be displaced. It is the first project in Boston where new schools, new recreational facilities and expanded public services will be provided hand-in-hand with the rehabilitation of private housing, and the provision of convenient and attractive retail opportunities.